Government against false allegations, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The matter relates to renewal of TISCO's mining lease for Chromite in Jajpur District of Orissa. M/s. TISCO has filed Writ Petitions O.J.C. Nos. 7729 of 1993 and 4701 of 1994 against Orders of the Central Government conveying approval of second renewal of Mining lease for chromite in Sukinda Valley. Aseries of other writ petitions (Nos. 3825, 5422 & 7054 of 1994) were also filed before Orissa High Court by others. The High Court of Orissa disposed of the Writ Petitions filed by M/s. TISCO and others vide its Judgement dated 4th April, 1995, remanding the matter back to the Central Government with specific guidelines for fresh consideration of the entire matter after duly giving an opportunity of hearing to TISCO and other parties in the writ petitions. In pursuance of this direction the Ministry of Mines has constituted a committee for hearing TISCO and other parties in the writ petitions in accordance with the guidelines given by the High Court of Orissa. TISCO has also filed SLPs in the Supreme Court against the above said judgement dated 4th April, 1995.

Drought Affected areas in Bihar and Maharashtra

620. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMA CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any areas will be affected drought in Bihar and Maharashtra during the current year;

(b) if so, which are those areas;

(c) instead of taking steps after the drought is actually set in, whether Government would take steps at present in these areas, to alleviate the sufferings of the population; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in view of 'c' above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) As the South-West monsoon, 1995 is still in progress, it is too early at this stage to make any realistic assessment of probable drought conditions in any part of the country, including Bihar and Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) In order to mitigate the long-term impact of droughts, a Drought Prone Areas Programme is being implemented in certain identified blocks, including 54 blocks in Bihar and 74 in Maharashtra.

Central Schemes in Andhra Pradesh for the Development of fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy

621. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various Central Schemes being implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of Fisheries, animal Husbandry and Dairy;

(b) the amount allocated during each of the last three years, scheme-wise; and

(c) the target fixed and achievements made during the said period, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) the details of various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairy are given in the statement at Annexure-I. No prior state-wise allocation is made under these

schemes for development of fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairy. Central assistance is released on the basis of proposals received from the states and the progress of implementation of the schemes. The information regarding the Central assistance released for various schemes during the last three years is also indicated in the statement, (*see* below)

(c) A statement showing the physical targets fixed and achievements made in respect of important items of various schemes implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of fisheries during the last three years is at Annexure [*see* Appendix 174, Annexure No. 20]

Central Schemes implemented for development of Animal Husbandry and Dairy aim at increasing the production of the major livestock products, viz., milk, egg and wool. The year-wise targets and achievements of these products during 1992-93 to 1994-95 for Andhra Pradesh are given below:

		1992-93		1993-94		1994-95	
		Targets	Achievement	Targets	Achievement (Prov.)	Targets	Achievement (Prov.)
1.	Milk (Million tonnes)	3.80	3.10	3.95	3.77	4.10	4.10
2.	Egg (million Nos.)	3900	3962	4100	4746	4300	4300
3.	Wool (lakh kgs.)	17.60	16.35 (Provisional)	17.90	17.48	18.20	18.20

Statement

Central Assistance released to Andhra Pradesh under Central & Centrally sponsored schemes for development of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry & Dairying

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Funds released during		
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1	2	3	4	5
A.	**Fisheries**			
1.	Providing Fishing Harbour Facilities at Minor Ports	12.72	—	—
2.	Development of Inland Fisheries Statistics.	1.20	3.80	2.00
3.	Development of Freshwater Aquaculture.	22.00	22.00	26.00
4.	Integrated Brackishwater Fish Farm Development.	73.12	26.00	52.00

1	2	3	4	5
5.	Development of Coastal Marine Fisheries.	35.00	—	42.00
6.	Welfare of Fishermen.	50.00	25.00	150.00
7.	Strengthening of Infrastructure for Inland Fish Marketing.	44.50	—	—
8.	Enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act and Introduction of Artificial Reefs and Sea Farming in Maritime States.	—	—	100.00
9.	Shrimp and Fish Culture Project assisted by World Bank.	—	—	10.00
B. Animal Husbandry & Dairying				
1.	Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and Progeny Testing Programme.	37.77	8.00	14.12
2.	National Project on Rinderpest Eradication.	97.62	50.00	91.00
3.	Assistance to States for control of Animal Disease.	17.78	13.25	10.77
4.	Professional Efficiency Development	—	2.50	2.50
5.	Assistance to States for modernisation/improvement of abattoirs and establishment of carcass and by-products utilisation centres and hide flaying unit.	101.00	193.00	—
6.	Integrated Sample Survey.	4.00	5.59	6.00
7.	National Ram/Buck Production Programme.	—	3.00	—
8.	Assistance to State for Integrated Piggery Development.	12.50	—	15.00

Installed Capacity of Salem Steel Plant

622. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 4176 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th April, 1995 and state:

(a) the installed capacity of the Blanking Line of Salem Steel Plant per year in terms of million pieces;

(b) the consumption of Coin Blanks by all the four Mints of our country in terms of tonnes per year; and

(c) the order of Coin Blanks given to SSP for the year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Installed Capacity of Blanking Line at Salem Steel Plant is 3000 tonnes per annum. This is equivalent to:

618.56 Million Pieces of 1.00 Rupee Coin Blanks or

791.56 Million Pieces of 0.50 Rupee Coin Blanks or

1060.07 Million Pieces of 0.25 Rupee Coin Blanks or

1500.00 Million Pieces of 0.10 Rupee Coin Blanks or

a suitable combination of the above subject to a maximum of 3000 tonnes per annum.

(b) The consumption of coin blanks by all the four mints put together was 8260.2554 MT in 1994-95.